

Installation Instructions

1. Select a downspout that is easily accessible.
2. Determine where to place barrel, preferably front of downspout or near to downspout.
3. Level the ground where the barrel will rest. If needed, use bricks, cement blocks or pressure treated 2x4s or 2x6s. *(Caution: barrel must be placed on a level surface or it may tip over. This is a very dangerous scenario that can cause severe property damage or physical harm. If your rain barrel is elevated, make certain that it is secure so that it cannot tip over, full barrel can weigh close to 500 lbs)*
4. Attach the spigot to rain barrel: choose which port you want your spigot (*either 14" above ground to use with a watering can or 3" above ground to use with a hose -to place the spigot in the lower port you will need to remove the plug from the hole with a wrench-* Locate the washers and the nut on the spigot neck. Remove the nut and one washer from the spigot and slide the spigot with the remaining washer into the selected hole (the spigot does not thread into the hole, the washer and nuts create seal) Reach into to barrel and place the second washer over the threaded end of the spigot. Thread the washer and nut on the end of the spigot and ratchet down as tightly as possible. Drain plug goes into unused port. To install in lower port -put barrel on its side on a table or bench, if someone can hold spigot in place for you it is helpful, otherwise angle on the table so spigot is held in place while you tighten on the inside. **DO NOT CRAWL INTO BARREL w/BOTH ARMS AND SHOULDERS INSIDE.**
4. Take the black threaded elbow and screw it into the pre-threaded hole on the top, right hand side, of the barrel. Should an additional overflow be needed or to link barrels together, pls request via email.
5. Attach a ¾" ID hose onto the barbed threads of the black nipple. To connect multiple barrels, you can daisy chain together at the top with a short (6") piece of ¾"ID flex tube.
6. Connecting barrel to downspout: *(If you are using a Save the Rain Diverter please refer to instructions on the back of the diverter).* You will need a hacksaw and an elbow joint for your downspout. Cut the diverter with hacksaw 4" above the top of the barrels. Reattach the elbow to at the new level of the downspout. If your barrel is off to the side of your downspout, find the appropriate downspout joints to direct the water or consider using a flexible downspout attachment.

Caring for your barrel: To ensure a long life for your barrel clean it out annually to eliminate film and debris from building up inside your barrel.

Winterize your barrel: In areas of the country where temperatures fall below freezing - remove spigot and drain plug. Empty barrel and store in basement, garage or under porch. If barrel must remain outside turn it upside down and secure it with a concrete block or bungee cord. Freezing temperatures can cause permanent damage to your barrel and will not be covered by the warranty.

Helpful Hints and WARNINGS

- Keep your barrel clean. Empty your barrel at least once a year to remove any film or debris that may cause clogging.
- You can raise your barrel and attach a hose to the lower port. Please make sure you use a stand that can support 500 lbs. Support must be level.

Warnings: **ICE IN BARREL** can cause permanent damage and is not covered by the warranty. Please be sure to [winterize](#) your barrel. **CAUTION:** Be sure to screw lid on tightly to **PREVENT CHILDREN OR ANIMALS FROM FALLING INTO THE BARREL.** The Great American Rain Barrel is intended for garden use only. **DO NOT USE BARREL TO STORE DRINKING WATER.**